

STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)

Applicant/Patent Owner: **Microsoft Corporation**

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Entitled: **Methods and Systems for Enabling Outside-Initiated Traffic Flows Through a Network Address Translator**

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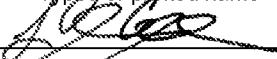
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